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HOUSE BILL 503

Short Title: Don't Tread on Me Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Reives, Alston, Prather, and Cohn (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENACT THE DON'T TREAD ON ME: AN INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS ACT.

Whereas, the right to individual privacy is a cornerstone of a free society, and the government has no business prying into private lives without a truly compelling reason; and

Whereas, medical decisions belong to individuals and families, not politicians, and no one should have to navigate government red tape to make personal health choices; and

Whereas, parents – not the government – are responsible for raising their children, deciding their education, and making healthcare decisions without interference from political agendas; and

Whereas, every North Carolinian has a constitutional right to a strong public education, and that means access to books, ideas, and knowledge without government censorship or political gatekeeping; and

Whereas, discrimination by the government – whether based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or political beliefs – has no place in a free society, and equal protection under the law must apply to everyone; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 99D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article 1, consisting of G.S. 99D-1. Article 1 shall be titled "Civil Rights."

SECTION 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall change references to "Chapter" in G.S. 99D-1 to "Article."

SECTION 3. Chapter 99D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 2.

"Individual Freedoms.

"§ 99D-10. Individual Freedom Bill of Rights.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the following fundamental rights are recognized and may not be violated absent a compelling State interest coupled by means to achieve that interest that are narrowly tailored. For purposes of this Article, "narrowly tailored" means are those that are no broader than necessary to accomplish the intended purpose. This bill of rights includes all of the following:

(1) No person shall be subjected to warrantless surveillance, tracking, or data collection by any agency of the State or political subdivision of the State.

(2) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may require a person to disclose private medical decisions, religious beliefs, or personal political affiliations to obtain government benefits, employment, or services.



- 1 In addition, no agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may
2 make determinations with respect to government benefits, employment, or
3 services if such information is displayed or known.
4 (3) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may disclose,
5 weaponize, or track personal health information unlawfully.
6 (4) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may deny or restrict
7 reproductive health care, contraception, or any other medical treatment based
8 on ideology rather than medical science.
9 (5) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may override
10 parental authority without due process in cases of abuse, neglect, or harm.
11 (6) Education must be fact-based, ensuring (i) parental concerns are addressed
12 without restricting access to accurate historical and scientific information and
13 (ii) teachings provided are historically accurate and free from political
14 manipulation.
15 (7) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may compel a
16 person to affirm or promote a particular political ideology in public education
17 or workplace settings.
18 (8) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may deny a person
19 employment, housing, or public services based on private political beliefs,
20 medical history, or lawful personal conduct.
21 (9) No agency of the State or political subdivision of the State may interfere with
22 employment and housing rights in a way that is not fair and merit-based, free
23 from quotas and ideological discrimination."

24 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.